(b) whether Government have made any request to the President in this regard:

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government propose to withdraw the .Bill .in case it is returned by the President for reconsideration of Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIA-MJNTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD); (a) Yes, Si*,

'b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) This will be considered at the appropriate time.

Recent Events in USSR

1442. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRO-DIA: Will the Minister of EXTER NAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) when was the information about the coup in USSR against President Mr. Gorbachev received by Government of India; ana.

(b) whether it is a fact that Indian Embassy at Moscow learnt only from Government of India about the happenings in Russia?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) On the morning of 19th August, 1991.

(b) No, Sir.

Indian response to the over-throw of Soviet President

1443. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY[1] Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's response to the overthrow of Soviet Presided \ Mr. Gorbachev was a low key response and not in accordance with the democratic sentiments of our people; arid

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Frequency of certain D.T.C. Routes

1445. MAULANA OBATDULLAH KHAN AZMI. Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3618 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th August, 1987 and state:

(a) what is the presient frequency of DTC route numbers 58, 336, 602, 603, 623, 640, 641, 660 and 062 alongwith their timings-

(b) whether there has been, any deterioration in the frequency of the above routes;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken to restore the previous frequency and timings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IN-DEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Details are given in Statement. [See Appendix 160, Annexure No. 55]

(b) and (c) The services have deteriorated because of increase in population and decrease in fleet strength of DTC. Moreoever, over-aged fleet of DTC has also increased.

(d) The following steps are being taken to restore the previous frequency and timings:—

(i) Preventive maintenance schedules are being - revised;